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"WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE HOME"

WIDOW AND BREAD WINNER

GOVERNOR BRADY.

One of the happiest things in the suffrage movement is the number and prominence of the citizens of the suffrage states who are willing to speak for it. Ex-Governor James H. Brady, of Idaho, will speak for the Men's League for Woman Suffrage, at Cooper Union at 8:15 P. M., May 2nd. Other speakers will be Hon. Harold Spielberg, of the New York Legislature; Peter J. Brady, of Typographical Union No. 6; and Arthur Brisbane, of the N. Y. Evening Journal. Norman Hapgood, editor of Colliers Weekly, will preside, and James Lees Laidlaw has charge of the meeting.

The next evening Governor Brady will speak in the assembly chamber at Albany. Mrs. William Warren Penfield, acting head of the Woman Suffrage Party, will preside, and Attorney General John Carmody wil' introduce the speakers. Gov. Dix had promised to do this, but found he would be called away on business. The Woman Suffrage Party, the N. Y. State Suffrage Association and the Equal Franchise Society are co-operating in this meeting.

FIVE DOLLAR PRIZE.

This issue inaugurates a new feature, in the shape of a cartoon, which is the first of three, illustrating that well-worn saying, "Woman's Place is in the Home." They have been kindly contributed by an artist friend, Esther Andrews, through Mrs. H. R. Griffiths. This one tells its own tale of woman in the home. The succeeding two will show other women in other homes. After the three have been published, readers of the Voter will be invited to

tell, in not over 100 words, which of these three women in the home needs the ballot the most.

Mrs. Griffiths offers a prize of a $5 gold piece to the person who sends in the best essay on this subject. It is good practice in close thinking to express one's ideas on any subject whatever in 100 words. So save your May, June and July Voters, and compete for the prize. Names of the judges and further instructions will be printed in a future issue.

IN THE BRONX.

Mrs. H. S. Tonjes, leader of the 32nd, organized the Thirty-second District club at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Varian, East 232nd Street. It started with a fine membership of both men and women and will be known as the Williamsbridge Club for Political Education. This is the direct result of a series of parlor meetings. The officers are: President, Mrs. James T. Penfield; Vice-President, Mrs. Wilbur Varian; Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Oliver; Treasurer, Mrs. Pierson.

April 7th, at the Tammany headquarters of the 35th, Mrs. W. H. Duncan, the leader, held a meeting. The chairman and Miss Sara McPike were the only speakers, but the meeting was an unusually successful one. There was time for questions and discussion from the floor, and the audience kept it up till 10:30. Twenty young men, students at Fordham University, signed the enrollment blanks, and one of them, James L. Timoney, offered to organize a committee among the students to help in the benefit which Mrs. Duncan is arranging.

Two deaconesses of the Episcopal church recently enrolled in this district also.

There is a lot of activity in this district. A club organized in January, holds two meetings a month in the Parish house of St. James Episcopal church, at Jerome Avenue and 190th Street. The pastor, Rev. De Witt Pelton, is interested, and invited them to meet in the Parish house. It is called the Social Service club and studies all the sociological questions of special interest to women. Mrs. Elizabeth York, a niece of Rev. Josiah Strong, President of the American Institute of Social Service, who is an ardent suffragist, suggested the name of the club. This club is planning to establish a free labor exchange in the district. The story of a girl of 16 in the neighborhood, who, seeking a position as stenographer, was sent by an employment office to a disreputable house in the Bronx, was the origin of the plan.

To further this plan, and for the support of other Party work in the 35th, an entertainment will be given May 11th, at Niblo's Garden, Third Avenue and 170th Street. In the afternoon there will be a huge May Party, with Maypole and May baskets and folk dancing, at which 1,000 children are expected. In the evening there will be vaudeville and a one-act play, and a dance. Most of the seventeen boxes are already sold. Mrs. Elizabeth York is Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements; Mrs. A. C. Hughston, Finance Committee; Mrs. William Swan, Publicity Committee; Mrs. William E. Morris, Sale of Boxes; Miss Beatrice Carpendale, Children's Entertainment. Mrs. Swan and Mrs. Morris are wives of Democratic leaders in the district. Mrs. Carita Macdougal and Mrs. James Lowe, wives of professors at N. Y. University, are actively co-operating.

BUSY IN FLUSHING.

Members of the Flushing Equal Franchise Association have given a series of parlor meetings especially inviting anti-suffrage friends. The first was held at the home of Miss Eldridge, where Mrs. Raymond Brown spoke most effectively. The second was given by Miss Vande Verg, with Mrs. Ecob and Miss Ecob as speakers. A delightful meeting was held recently at the residence of Miss Macdonald. Mrs. Raymond Brown spoke to a large and interested group, many of whom were attending a suffrage meeting for the first time. Last week Miss Clement invited to her home about 25 friends, members of the younger social set. Miss Frances Ecob spoke informally on the condition of laboring women. They were so deeply interested that Miss Ecob has been asked to speak again directly on the subject of suffrage.

IN BROOKLYN.

Party organization was effected for the first time during the past month in A. D. 22, Brooklyn, with the appointment of Miss Clara Salem, of 447 Elton Street, as leader. The Party in Brooklyn made about $100 on its sale of tickets for the Leslie Carter performances. On the evening of April 13th, Mrs. E. P. Hampson, leader of the 8th, presided at a meeting at the Federal Republican club, at 318 Union Street. The room was filled, mainly with members of the club, who manifested both interest and friendship. Twenty new friends enrolled in the Party. Mr. Reed Lewis, of Greenwich House, and Mrs. M. J. Reynolds were the speakers.

On the evening of April 21, the proprietor of the Long Island Business College gave the use of his auditorium for a suffrage meeting, handsomely decorating it at his own expense. Mrs. Rose Brunner, leader of the 4th, presided, and the speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elder, Mrs. Grace Wolterbeek and Mrs. M. J. Reynolds. There was good music. Mr. and Mrs. Elder spoke at another meeting on the same night.

At the Kaplan School also, 1731 Pitkin Avenue, Mrs. N. H. Seidman, the proprietor, who is the leader in the 23rd, had two meetings during the month. Miss Sara McPike spoke at the first, and at the second, April 22nd, the speakers were Miss Rees, Miss Ida Craft and Mr. Richard Welling. Mrs. Seidman has many young men pupils in this school, and is efficiently including suffrage in their education.

At the United Neighborhood Guild, 176 Nassau Street, Ex-Congressman Robert Baker and Mrs. M. J. Reynolds spoke April 26th, at a mass meeting of the Party in the 2nd.

ON STATEN ISLAND.

During the months of March and April six suffrage meetings have been held (part of which have been programmes furnished to clubs) and several new workers have been added to the force of the Woman Suffrage Party in Richmond borough.

For the mass meeting addressed by Rev. Dr. Aked a large number of circulars were distributed by Mrs. Mary G. Brewer at the Ferry House to people coming home from the day's work in the city. Other circulars were distributed at the Bergen Point and Elizabethport Ferries. In the two last named ferries, free literature is distributed frequently. In debating classes of some of the schools suffrage has been one of the "topics of the day" discussed.

Literature of the Party is on sale at Light's Music Store, 111 Richmond Turnpike, Tompkinsville, S. I., at Wheeler's Stationery Store, St. George, at the news stand Street Railroad Transfer station, Tompkinsville, at the newsstands of Port Richmond and Mariners Harbor.

One morning at Borough Hall every man found upon his desk a piece of suffrage literature. This caused a great deal of conversation on the subject for several days, and incidentally brought a new Honorary Vice-Chairman to the Party.

Richmond has eight ministers and their wives enrolled, and several churches are promised for future meetings.

Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead addressed the March meeting of the Political Equality Club of Richmond on Women as Defenders of the Republic. At the annual meeting, April 10th, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. William G. Willcox; Vice-President, Miss Elizabeth B. Curtis; Treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Ingalls; Secretary, Mrs. Henry De Witt Joy.

Miss Martha Gruening, the newly-elected president of the Collegiate Equal Suffrage League, of N. Y. State, will speak to a company of young people the middle of May at the home of Mrs. Wm. G. Willcox. A mass meeting is to be held about the 20th. Full information will appear in the local and city papers.

Letters have been received from Mrs. Catt and Miss Hay telling of their safe arrival. Their address for the next two months will be Royal Grand Hotel, Stockholm.

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PARADE OF PROTEST.

For all the suffragists of the whole city, under whatever banner they work, the great event of this month will be the parade of May 6th. It is a demonstration to indicate the indignation of suffragists and their friends and sympathizers at the way in which our bill has been persistently smothered in committee in Albany.

Any and every sympathizer may march, whether they have previously signified their intention or not. Let them gather at 55th Street, just off Fifth Avenue at 3 P. M., May 6th, and they will be assigned a place under their own district banner, if marching with the Woman Suffrage Party, or with any trade or professional group which they prefer to join. The parade will be led by a woman carried in a sedan chair representing the shut-in woman of the past, and close with the Woman Suffrage Party, representing the woman citizen of to-day, the woman voter of the near future, marching under its district banners. In between will come the floats representing the home industries of our grandmothers, the trade and professional groups of to-day, the mothers division, and the group of women voters from the suffrage States. Each division will have its own banners and bands. If the clerk grants us a beautiful May day it will be a brave sight. But if it rains we shall march just the same, and perhaps the demonstration will be even more effective.

Among the floats will be one from Pennsylvania, representing Lucretia Mott and her friends, which will be put in line through the energies of Miss Mary Winsor, the indefatigable president of the Pennsylvania Limited Suffrage League. Eight prominent women of Philadelphia will occupy it. Women from Connecticut and New Jersey will also march. The Men's League, which will rendezvous at West 54th Street and Fifth Avenue, will be led by James Lees Laidlaw and Max Eastman. George Creel will march, also a number of Columbia professors. Witter Byner, the poet, wrote that he would march and bring fifteen men with him.

The line of march will be down Fifth Avenue, from 55th Street to Union Square, where there will be speaking from several platforms. Women who do not feel able to walk the whole distance may drop out when fatigued. Have the courage of the English women. Get in line.

SUFFRAGE CLIPPINGS.

The card catalogue of suffrage clippings started in this office by the late Fanny Chafin, and now in charge of Miss Ida Craft, is probably the best collection of suffrage clippings in the country. In future years it will be of immense value and will furnish material from which history will be written. The following papers are now covered by members who send in the clippings from each issue: Outlook, Miss Mary E. Oliver; N. Y. Evening Post, Mrs. Frances P. Anderson; N. Y. Sun, Mrs. Isabel G. Barker; N. Y. Tribune and Brooklyn Eagle, Mrs. M. T. Maine; Globe, Miss Edith Whitmore; N. Y. Times and Evening Sun, Mrs. G. D. Harrison; N. Y. World, Miss Craft. Will not members who see other papers regularly agree to send in the clippings from them?

MRS. REYNOLDS RESIGNS.

With this issue Mrs. Reynolds severs her connection with the Voter. She sails soon for Italy, where she expects to spend the next year. This was a trip planned on her return from the Washington campaign last Fall, and postponed by a very interesting winter's work in the headquarters of the Woman Suffrage Party.

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WHAT IS GOING ON

MANHATTAN BOROUGH.

Tuesday, May 2nd, from 4 to 6 P. M.—At 629 West 115th Street, a reception for the Woman Suffrage Party of the 19th A. D., Manhattan; Hostess, Mrs. Charles W. Wolfe, Captain of 6th Election District. Guest of Honor, Mrs. Jean Nelson Penfield, Acting Chairman of the Woman Suffrage Party.

Wednesday, May 10th, 8:15 P. M.—In the ballroom of Duryea's dancing academy, Broadway and 72nd Street, a benefit will be given for the 19th Assembly District of the Woman Suffrage Party. The programme will consist of an interpretative reading of Maurice Maeterlinck's celebrated drama "Ariane et Barbe-Bleue," by Nancy Musselman Schoonmaker. Tickets, Fifty cents. For sale as follows: Headquarters Woman Suffrage Party, 212 Metropolitan Tower, 1 Madison Avenue; Mrs. Helen Hoy-Greeley, District Leader, 2 Rector Street; Mrs. Dora Stebbins Thompson, Secretary, 605 West 112th Street; Mrs. Jane Engel Taylor, 25 Claremont Avenue. Make checks payable to Dora Stebbins Thompson.

Thursday, May 11th, 8:15 P. M.—Meeting of the 15th Assembly District, at the West Side Republican Club, 2307 Broadway, near 83rd Street. Mrs. Frederick Nathan, Leader of the District, will preside, and Dorothy Dix will read her delightful essay, "The Handicap of Being Born a Woman," which she has read at The Equal Suffrage League. Mrs. Nathan hopes to have a debate on Equal Suffrage participated in by gentlemen who are members of this Club. All members of the Woman Suffrage Party are invited to come and bring their friends.

Tuesday, May 16th, from 4 to 6 P. M.—At 620 West 116th Street; Reception for Woman Suffrage Party, 19th A. D. Hostess, Mrs. Millard Barry Guilford, Captain of 5th Election District. Guest of Honor, Mrs. Minnie J. Reynolds, formerly of Colorado.

Saturday, May 20th, 8:15 P. M.—Political Reception by the Woman Suffrage Party of the 19th A. D., to the Leaders, District Captains and members of the several political parties in the 19th Assembly District, at the Master Music Studios, Broadway and 108th Street. There will be informal speaking by men prominent in political life, who advocate Woman Suffrage. Everyone interested in government is welcome.

Wednesday, May 31st, 8:00 P. M.—At 855 West End Avenue; Hostess, Miss Helen Potter, Captain of 2nd Election District. Reception for Woman Suffrage Party, 19th A. D. Guest of Honor, Miss Jeannette Rankin, who helped to win Washington. No special invitation to these at homes is required.

QUEENS BOROUGH.

Thursday, May 4—At the League Building; the regular monthly meeting of the Equal Franchise Association. This is the annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other business.

Wednesday, May 10—The Bayside Suffrage Club, the Woman Suffrage Party District Club in the 4th A. D., Queens, will give an entertainment and ball at Literary Hall, to raise money for the district work. Two one-act plays and society vaudeville will make up the programme. Mrs. J. A. Block is chairman of the committee on arrangements, of which Mrs. Robert P. Bell, Mrs. Gurlitt and Miss Doris Smith are other members.

BRONX BOROUGH.

Tuesday evening, May 9—Mass Meeting Woman Suffrage Party of the 32nd A. D., Bronx, at the Methodist Church of Williamsbridge, on White Plains Avenue. Mrs. Helen Secor Tonjes, District leader, will preside, and there will be speakers of prominence.

BROOKLYN BOROUGH.

Tuesday, May 2—16th A. D. Club, regular monthly meeting at home of Mrs. Jacocks, 1979 Homecrest Avenue.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Wednesday, May 3rd, at 3:30 P. M.—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens will entertain the New Jersey Equal Franchise Society at Castle Point, on the occasion of its annual meeting. Each member is permitted to bring three guests.

Thursday, May 4, 3 P. M.—At Hotel Astor, N. Y., Equal Suffrage League, mock debate on woman suffrage; affirmative, Mrs. Hackstaff and Miss Laidlaw; negative, Mrs. Nathan and Mrs. Howe. Members are invited to bring friends.

Mrs. A. C. Fisk, leader of Bronx Borough, has returned from her winter in Arizona.

27th MANHATTAN.

The 27th has been without an active leader for some time. It now has one both active and able, Mrs. W. Holden Weeks, who lives at 70 West 49th Street. Mrs. Weeks has taken hold very energetically, visiting all the old captains and securing several new ones. Among the acting captains in this district now are Miss Miriam Coe, 42 West 52nd, captain 25th elec-

tion district; Dr. Bella McDonald, 1130 Broadway, 5th; Mrs. Ephraim Klotz, 204 West 55th Street, 6th; Mrs. E. Livingston Hunt, 54 West 50th Street, 23rd; Mrs. Florence Hines Cox, 20 East 33rd Street, 21st; Miss Clemence Boardman, 34th Street and Lexington Avenue, 16th; Mrs. C. E. Knoblauch, 7th. Mrs. Latona Gallahorn, colored, has been made captain in the 9th. Her husband has been Republican captain in this district for years, and it is believed she can do a special work among the colored people. Mrs. Dorsey has been appointed organizer in the 27th. A district meeting is being planned for May

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19th MANHATTAN.

A programme of Spring activities has been planned in the 19th Manhattan, of which Mrs. Helen Hoy Greeley is leader, which includes a series of receptions at the homes of members, a political reception to the officials of the various political parties and their wives in the district, and a benefit for the Party work in the district; all of which will be found announced with greater detail in the list of future meetings.

The first reception of the series was on the afternoon of April 18th, at the home of Mrs. Dora Stebbins Thompson, 605 West 112th Street. Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw was the guest of honor, and spoke on the parade, and Mrs. Greeley talked on the plans for the district work. Tea and chocolate were served by Miss Olmstead, and a delightful social hour enjoyed. Fifty persons have joined the newly organized district club. Eleven of them, none of whom had ever done any suffrage work before, were brought in by Mrs. Jean B. Fought.

This district will begin its open air work just as soon as the weather invites to out-door speaking. The meeting held by this district in conjunction with the William Lloyd Garrison League, at the Master Music Studios, April 8th, was one of the most successful in point of attendance and programme held in any district this year. A collection of over $25 was taken.

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25th MANHATTAN.

In the 25th Manhattan, of which Mrs. Frederic C. Howe is leader, a series of afternoon parlor meetings is being held to develop interest in the various election districts. In preparation for each, the election district is thoroughly canvassed, and printed invitations distributed from house to house. The meetings held thus far have been as follows: 7th election district, at the home of Mrs. Celia Heddon, chairman, 17 Charles Street, speakers, Miss Vida Sutton, Miss Fola La Follette, Mrs. Howe; 6th E. D., at the home of Mrs. Ernest Poole, captain, 130 E. 11th; subject, "How Woman Suffrage Works"; in Australia, Mrs. Alberta Hill; in Wyoming, Mrs. Zell Hart Deming; in Colorado, Mrs. Howe; in Colorado, Mrs. M. J. Reynolds.

In the 11th, Mrs. Thomas Wells, captain, the meeting was held April 19th, at the residence of Mrs. James Preston, 22 West 9th Street, the speakers being Mrs. Rheta Childe Dorr, Mrs. Howe and Miss Crystal Eastman.

April 21, an evening meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Claflin, 17 West 8th Street, at which the speakers were Professor Charles Beard, of Columbia, Mrs. Raymond Brown, Miss Eastman and Mrs. Howe.

At these informal gatherings tea is served, literature distributed, and a social time enjoyed. The captain meets her neighbors, is introduced to them as the head of the Party in that district, and is launched upon her work with a strong initiative. The expense is defrayed partly by collections, and partly by the treasury fund of the 25th A. D. club, in which the dues are $1.00.

Miss Anne Cooper has been one of the most faithful friends and helpers of this headquarters during the hurried times of the past winter. She sails June 17th for England with her father, to remain several months. Her friends at headquarters fear they may hear next that she is languishing in a suffragette's cell, but they will hope for the best.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

Mrs. Frederick T. Ackerman is president of the new Bronxville Suffrage Association, organized April 6th.

Four new members were admitted at the regular meeting of the Bayside Suffrage club, April 11th.

Miss Sara McPike, chairman of the Press committee of the Yonkers Suffrage Association, spoke April 20th at the People's Club, 121 East 18th Street.

The Voter is already too small to print the barest news of the Party, to say nothing of any other suffrage news, or one word of propaganda. Send in subscriptions and patronize our advertisers, and we can have a bigger paper.

As Mrs. Penfield, acting chairman of the Party, has been requested to fix a specified time during the week when she can be seen by newspaper representatives, she has chosen 4 P. M. each Thursday as the hour.

"The Suffragette Mother," a play in three acts, will be presented by the Dramatic Club of the Wage Earners League, a branch of the Political Equality Association, the latter part of May. The club has been in rehearsal for several weeks under the direction of the author, Miss Whitmore, Chairman for Richmond Borough of the Woman Suffrage Party. These rehearsals have been open to the public at 195 East Broadway and have made many converts to suffrage. The date and place are not yet decided, but notices may be had at this office, where also tickets may be secured after May 15th.

Miss Jeannette Rankin has been speaking busily in Manhattan throughout the month.

Good reports have come in from various advertisers of sales made through Voter "ads." Loyalty to our advertisers is the only way to support the Voter. Every advertiser is a sympathizer with our cause.

Two hundred and twenty-nine papers, monthly and weekly, are supported by the labor unions of this country. That fact is a painful commentary on the comparative strength of the labor and suffrage movements. If the latter is supporting six publications in the United States at the present moment it is doing well.

Mrs. Mary A. Saunders, mother of Mrs. D. C. Balch, Party leader in the 23rd Manhattan, will march in the parade. She was the first woman ever employed as a typewriter in the world, and travelled all over Europe and America introducing the early machines.

It is interesting to know that Miss Anna Rogstad, the now famous member of the Norwegian Parliament, is a personal friend of Mrs. E. L. Aus, so well known in the Woman Suffrage Party.

Dr. Laura Riegelman is one of the strong supports of the Party in the 4th Brooklyn. But she says the best suffragist in the house is her mother, Mrs. Long. Mrs. Long is one of the few living persons who crossed the plains to San Francisco in a prairie schooner. She heard Susan B. Anthony's first speech in Harrisburg, and saw the first women clerks in Harrisbug, sent there by A. T. Stewart. The people turned out and watched them up the street from the depot as if they were circus riders.

A most interesting meeting was held Wednesday evening at Temple Israel, in the 31st Manhattan. Mrs. J. C. Galland, vice-leader for the district, presided and Everett V. Abbott and Dr. Emily Lewi were the speakers.

Miss L. L. Dock, of the Nurses Settlement, author of that wonderful book, "Hygiene and Morality," has gone to Pennsylvania for a stay of several months. This headquarters, as well as many other branches of suffrage work in New York, will miss her sorely.

A mass meeting is being planned in the 22nd Brooklyn.

KIND WORDS FOR THE VOTER.

Have been reading my April Voter. It's fine! —Mrs. M. T. Chatfield, Brooklyn.

I wish to congratulate you on the growing excellence of the Voter.—Olive D. Pierce, Bronx.

The last number of the Voter is fine! Congratulations.—Katherine Butler, leader 28th, Manhattan.

Good for the Woman Voter. Please put me on the list.—Sarah Platt Decker, Denver.

AWAY FROM HOME.

Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw gave a suffrage address before the church Congress at Washington, D. C., last Wednesday. This is the first time the subject has been on the program of this national Episcopalian organization. On the same day she spoke on "Women and the Post Office" before the national convention of the Postal Progress League in the same city.

Mrs. Reynolds spoke at the Connecticut legislature hearing at Hartford during the month, and in Philadelphia and Ardmore for the Pennsylvania Limited Suffrage League, which is conducting a remarkably active and effective campaign.

IN MONTCLAIR.

Those active young women who under the leadership of Miss Studdiford are keeping the suffrage pot boiling in Montclair, have just finished a very successful suffrage week. Last Tuesday they had Mrs. Blatch and Mrs. John Winters Brannan at Unity church; on Thursday, Miss Crystal Eastman and the novelist, Mary Holland Kinkaid, who was formerly assistant state superintendent of schools in Colorado; and on Saturday they gave a tea and matinee, presenting "How the Vote Was Won," at the Kimberly school.

Two distinguished subscribers to the Voter came in during the month; Miss Mary E. Dreier, president of the N. Y. Women's Trade Union League, and Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, of Denver, twice president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

Mrs. William G. Willcox, president of the Political Equality club, of Richmond Borough, has paid for the Voter to be sent for a year to the four branches of the New York Public Library located on Staten Island. Will not some one follow this example for other branches? The Voter is not a propaganda paper at the present time, through lack of space; but it keeps everyone who sees it in touch with the whole local work of New York suffragists.

OPEN AIR WORK.

Outdoor meetings have already begun in various districts, despite the protracted cold. Mrs. Milton S. Barger, leader of the 12th, had three during April in Stuyvesant Square. Mrs. Olive Pierce, who has charge of the open air work in the Bronx, has had several meetings already in that borough. There has been one in the 15th Manhattan, and Mrs. E. P. Hampson will start them soon in the 8th Brooklyn.

Mrs. Frederick Nathan sails May 23rd for Stockholm. She will spend several months in Europe, Mrs. Sophie Kremer acting as leader of the 15th Manhattan during her absence.

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OUR SINFUL STERILITY.

During the past month one more fit has been thrown over the vanishing American family, the blame, as usual, being laid with a refined and gentle unanimity upon the shoulders of the women. This time the particular trouble has seemed to be that a woman who has less than four children is "sterile." This new and interesting doctrine has been dwelt upon by the public prints with eager joy.

Those who wish to know the cause of three-quarters of the sterility in marriage, should read L. L. Dock's book, "Hygiene and Morality." The statements there given are quoted from men physicians of the highest standing, who may perhaps know what they are talking about better than the laymen who discuss the theme so authoritatively. The connection of this matter with the whole subject of protected vice, licensed houses of prostitution and the white slave traffic, is explained in that book with a simplicity comprehensible to the untrained mind, and an authority unimpeachable by the student. The woman who can read that book and not believe in votes for women, afterward, must be either stupid or brutal. The blackest chapter in the history of all-male government has been the unspeakable indignities heaped upon the women who have been sacrificed as the scapegoats of the social evil; their imprisonment in houses licensed and backed by the government; the regular, widespread business of traffic in their persons, the unspeakable official physical examinations of them—while every man went free to carry infection to his wife, send her to the operating table, and blast his own children with blindness and worse.

This tale of horror is just beginning to be written. Women are just beginning to understand it. When they do understand it the tender fears expressed that the "bad women will vote," become too nauseating to be longer amusing.

Women in New York who have never been suffragists before have become so this winter in fighting certain clauses of the Page bill. It would be very nice, very, very nice, if we could live serenely on, quite ignorant of the hideous cellars of civilization beneath our feet. But we can't do it. We are white women. They let us learn to read some time ago, and we find that we have minds. We are white women. Our mothers were never bought and sold, like the women of the Orient, even in the forests of primitive Europe. We are white women, and there is a white woman's burden, just as there is a white man's burden. That burden is to make this world a decent place to live in, from a decent woman's standpoint of decency; and we have got to shoulder that burden.

M. J. R.

New York suffragists can build up a splendid little local suffrage newspaper of their own if they care enough about it. They command enough purchasing power.

EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

After they got the vote Nov. 8, the first political action taken by the women of Spokane was the organization of a Non-Partisan Women's Political League. The first important action taken by that league was the appointment of a committee to go to Olympia and work for an 8-hour law for women. The 8-hour law for women is passed in Washington and will go into effect June 9. The 54-hour bill for the working women of New York still hangs in the balance at Albany. Those present at the Albany suffrage hearing February 22 will remember the moving description given by Max Eastman and Leonora O'Reilley of the hearing on that bill, when the factory girls went up to plead for it, and unprotected by even the vote met the manufacturers arrayed against them in the full panoply of both financial and political power.

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